

A Public Hearing was held by the Village Board of Trustees on January 7, 2016, to hear comments regarding the tentative budget for the fiscal year beginning March 1, 2016 and ending on February 28, 2017. The compensation proposed in said budget for the Mayor is \$15,000.00 per year, \$5,000.00 per year for each Trustee and \$21,000.00 for the Village Justice.

Members Present: Mayor Dick Clarke
Trustee Mark Wilder
Trustee Ruth Cico
Trustee Bruce Stebbins
Trustee Megan O'Donnell
Trustee Mike Shepard
Trustee Rick Presley

Others Attending – Attorney Bob Baldwin; Codes Enforcement Officer Gregg Humphrey; Treasurer Anna Custer; Village Clerk Maureen Butler; Police Chief Michael Lefancheck; Engineer Steve Darcangelo; Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy; and Lisa Harshberger, representative of the Public Access Channel.

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Mayor Clarke and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Village Clerk read the legal notice that was published in the Messenger.

Comments in favor of the proposal:

None

Comments against the proposal:

None

Resolution #226/2015 Motion by Trustee Presley, second by Trustee Cico
Resolved that the Public Hearing be adjourned and closed at 7:35 p.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Butler

Village Clerk

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held at 7:35 p.m. at Village Hall,
16 West Genesee Street, Baldwinsville, New York
January 7, 2016**

Resolution #227/2015 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Cico
Resolved that the minutes from the Village Board meeting of December 17, 2015, be approved.
Carried

Citizen's Comments

None

Trustee's Comments

Trustee Presley noted that there will not be a Public Safety meeting in January and that the next one will be on Wednesday, February 17th at 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Shepard asked for the dates that the Christmas trees will be picked up by the DPW and was told by Steve Darcangelo that the DPW did tree pick up this week and they will again next week (the week of the 11th). Please have trees to the curb by Thursday, January 14th.

Trustee O'Donnell wished the Mayor a happy birthday!

Mayor's Comments

- He received many compliments on the Christmas decorations that are throughout the village.
- He stressed to the Parks committee that a meeting to finalize the 2016 Parks agreements needs to take place and to include Steve Darcangelo, Maureen Butler and Linda Ross in the process. He hopes to have a discussion and action at the next board meeting.
- He told of a letter he sent to Senator John DeFrancisco about how difficult it is to get consistent answers and assistance from the State regarding the tax cap.
- He informed the residents that if they notice a street light that is out to please contact the DPW with the pole number (located on the pole) and National Grid will be notified.

Department Heads

Clerk Maureen Butler mentioned that she received a letter from the Leahy Company, the company that the village hired to look into the village's worker's compensation costs, about their success in reducing our experience rating. Once the final audit is complete they will compute the exact amount of the village's recovery.

Chief Lefancheck reminded village residents that the overnight parking ban is in effect. The officers had initially issued warning tickets but now that the snow is flying they are issuing tickets for overnight parking on village streets. There are municipal lots in the village that have overnight parking available.

Engineer Darcangelo stated that the village decorations will start coming down. The snowflakes will remain up until after the Big Chill event on January 23rd.

Pending Business

- **Park Committee Recommendations**

Trustee Shepard stated that they will have a meeting regarding the 2016 agreements prior to the next board meeting.

- **Village Budget – March 1, 2016 – February 28, 2017**

Resolution #228/2015 Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee Shepard

Resolved that the tentative budget for the fiscal year beginning March 1, 2016 and ending on February 28, 2017, be approved.

Carried

The Mayor noted how difficult it was to do the budget due to the tax cap limit of .045%. He thanked Treasurer Anna Custer and the board for their diligence. Taxes were increased one cent/thousand.

New Business

- **Sewer Credit – 21 East Oneida Street**

Resolution #229/2015 Moved by Trustee Stebbins, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved to credit the water billing in the amount of \$220.56 at 21 East Oneida Street. This credit is to relieve the property owner of a portion of the sewer bill from the 2015 third quarter billing which was unusually high as a result of a water leak in the residence.

Carried

Answering Trustee Shepard's question regarding the details, Darcangelo explained that the homeowner was billed for the water usage but since it would not have gone through the sewer a credit is given for a portion of the sewer charge only.

- **New Water Rate Schedule – 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 & 2020**

Resolution #230/2015 Moved by Trustee Stebbins, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved to adopt a five-year water rate schedule for Village residents and outside water users. This plan shall impose an annual rate increase of no less than 2% to both the quarterly fee and usage rate. This rate increase shall become effective on March 1st of each calendar year 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020.

Carried

At the discretion of the Board of Trustees the water rates may be increased at any time and to any amount as deemed necessary by the Board. Sewer fees will remain 95% of total water bills unless this percentage is changed by the Board.

Trustee Stebbins spoke of a 2014 graph that was done the last time the rates were increased. With the 2014 increase the graph showed that the fund balance would be maintained at a good amount to cover any unexpected repairs, etc. for a couple of years and then another increase would be warranted.

- **Meters in Multiple Dwellings**

The Mayor asked Darcangelo to explain to the board about the charge (or lack of) for water service in multi-family dwellings, apartment complexes, etc. Darcangelo stated that each apartment or separate portion of a dwelling should have a meter, but in some large complexes there are only one or two meters. Currently, there is a minimum charge per meter for water service in addition to the charge for the water usage. It has now been realized that the village has been under billing. General Municipal Law § 338-25 states that the village may charge a rate for water service for each unit instead of per meter. For example, Faith Ridge Apartments has 2 meters that service 48 units. In other words the village should be charging for 48 meters instead of 2 meters. The trustees concurred that the new charge would be the most equitable. It is only right that all water customers share the burden.

Action will be taken regarding the charge to multiple dwellings at the January 21st board meeting. Since it is already in the code a resolution will not have to be done for the charge but the board will need to authorize Darcangelo to notify those that will be affected by the new charge.

- **Election Resolutions**

Resolution #231/2015 Moved by Trustee Presley, second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved to adopt a resolution establishing that the 2016 General Election for the Village of Baldwinsville will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, at Village Hall, 16 West Genesee Street, Baldwinsville, New York, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 9:00 p.m.

Carried

Resolution #232/2015 Moved by Trustee Presley, second by Trustee Cico

Resolved to appoint Mary Crego, Ed Barlow and Arlette Folckemer as election inspectors for the 2016 General Election for the Village of Baldwinsville that will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, at Village Hall, 16 West Genesee Street, Baldwinsville, New York, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 9:00 p.m. Compensation for each inspector of the election will be \$100.00.

Carried

- **Sale of Village Owned Property – Fobes Island**

Resolution #233/2015 Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved to declare the following properties on Fobes Island to be surplus: Tax Map # 009.-01-26.1-12 Lock Street; 009.-01-26.2-Lock Street; 009.-01-26.3-Lock Street; 009.-01-27.0-2 Fobes Island; 009.-01-29.0-5 Fobes Island; 009.-01-30.1-6 Fobes Island; 009.-01-30.2-6A Fobes Island; 009.-01-31.0-7 Fobes Island; 009.-01-32.0-8 Fobes Island; 009.-01-33.0-9 Fobes Island; 009.-01-34.0-10 Fobes Island; 009.-01-35.0-10A Fobes Island; 009.-01-36.0-12 Fobes Island; 009.-01-37.0-13 Fobes Island and portions of 009.-01-38.0-Seneca River and 008.-01-12.0-Wood Street.

Carried

Resolution #234/2015 Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee Stebbins

Resolved to authorize the sale of the Fobes Island properties (listed in the previous resolution) and to authorize the Mayor to execute the necessary documents.

Carried

- **Block Party Request – February 27, 2016**

Resolution #235/2015 Moved by Trustee Presley, second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved to approve a request from Jeff Rogers for a waiver of the open container law for a block party on Saturday, February 27, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., in the 1st section of Echodale Ave. off Edgewood Drive.

Carried

- **Set Public Hearing – Local Law 1/2016 – Repeal and Override-Tax Levy Limit**

Resolution #236/2015 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved to set a Public Hearing for Thursday, January 21, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. to consider a proposed Local Law to repeal Local Law Number 5 of 2015 and to repeal the override of the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Carried

The Mayor noted that since the village enacted a local law to override the tax levy limit, and the adopted budget for the coming fiscal year contains a tax levy within the allowable tax levy limit, the local government must repeal the

override local law in order to qualify its residents for tax freeze credits. The village must adopt a local law in order to repeal the override.

- **Motion to pay bills as audited**

Resolution #237/2015 Moved by Trustee Shepard, second by Trustee Cico
Resolved to pay the bills from their proper accounts, after audit.

Abstract #20

- General Fund Checks #41203 - #41251 \$ 62,212.00
- Water Fund Checks #23801 - #23806 \$ 1,208.88
- Sewer Fund Checks #23232 - #23236 \$ 686.42

Carried

Resolution #238/2015 Moved by Trustee Stebbins, second by Trustee Cico
Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 p.m., until the next village board meeting and Public Hearing to be held January 21, 2016, at 7:30 p.m., at Village Hall.

Carried

Adjournment.

Maureen Butler

Village Clerk